

# OFFICE OF REP. KAIALI'I KAHELE

## SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

## WHAT ARE THE FIVE SERVICE ACADEMIES?

1. U.S. Military Academy: [www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)
2. U.S. Naval Academy: [www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)
3. U.S. Air Force Academy: [www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)
4. U.S. Coast Guard Academy: [www.cga.mil](http://www.cga.mil)
5. U.S. Merchant Marines Academy: [www.usmma.edu](http://www.usmma.edu)

## HOW DO I ATTEND AN ACADEMY?

Admission to an Academy is a competitive two-step process:

1. Obtain a **nomination** from an authorized source.
2. Receive an **appointment** from the academy.

## WHAT IS A NOMINATION?

A nomination is the selection made by an authorized source. Title 10 of the U.S. Code establishes two types of nominations: **1)** congressional and **2)** presidential/military service connected. Congressional nominations include selections made by **1)** the Vice President, who nominates candidates from their entire state, and **2)** U.S. Representatives, who nominate candidates that reside within their congressional district.

## WHAT IS AN APPOINTMENT?

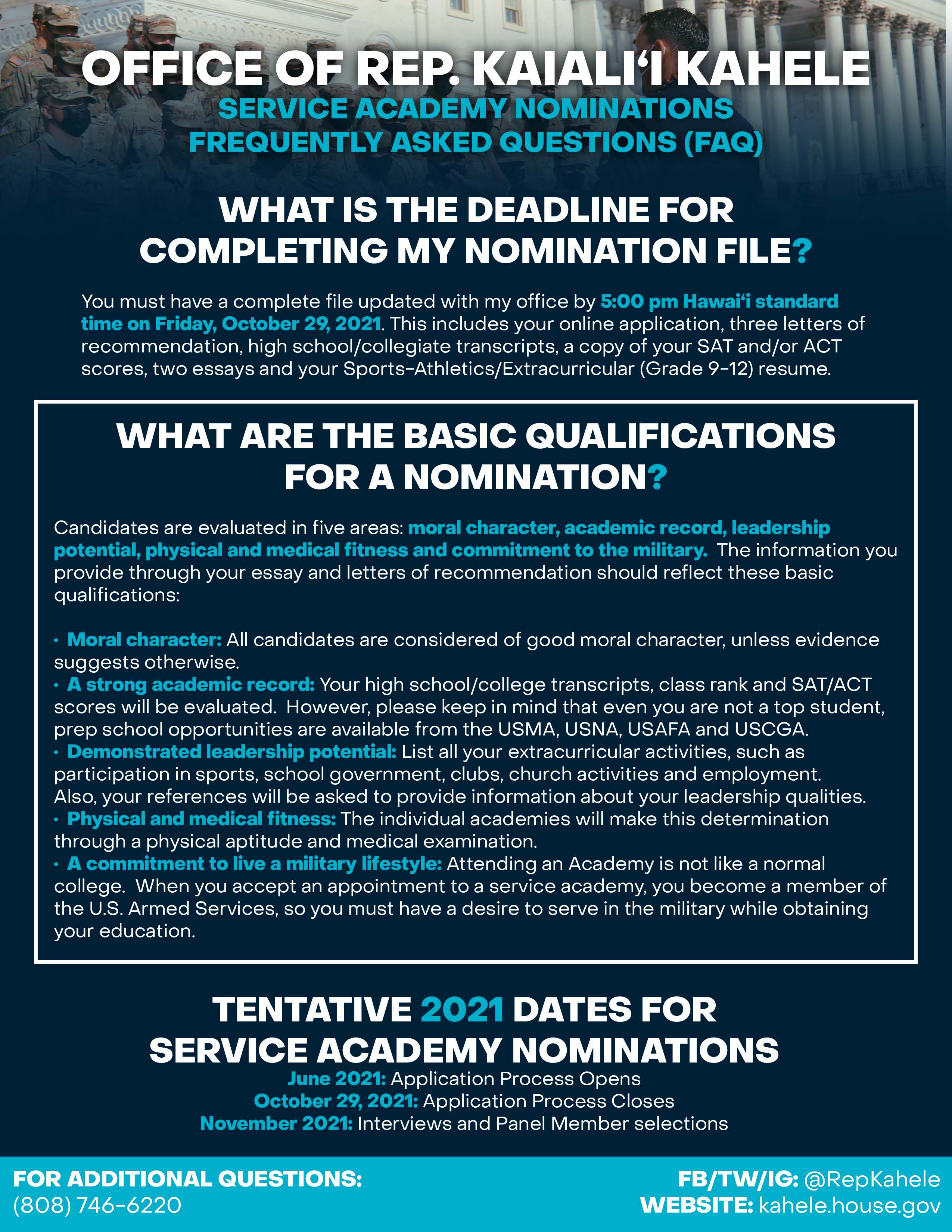
An appointment allows you admission to an academy and is only granted by the individual academies **AFTER** an applicant has received a nomination and competed with other nominees in the areas of academics, leadership potential and physical aptitude.

## WHAT ARE THE BASIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR A NOMINATION?

To be eligible for nomination, you must meet these requirements upon entrance into academy:

- Be at least 17-years-old, but not past your 23d birthday.
- U.S. citizen.
- Unmarried, not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.
- **Reside within the legal boundaries of the Representative for which you are applying** and of the State of Hawai'i. If you are attending a Service Academy Prep School, a University out of state or have recently relocated out of State due to your parents' service in the military, and maintain Hawai'i as your state of residence, you may still apply with our Office.





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## WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING MY NOMINATION FILE?

You must have a complete file updated with my office by **5:00 pm Hawai'i standard time on Friday, October 29, 2021**. This includes your online application, three letters of recommendation, high school/collegiate transcripts, a copy of your SAT and/or ACT scores, two essays and your Sports-Athletics/Extracurricular (Grade 9-12) resume.

## WHAT ARE THE BASIC QUALIFICATIONS FOR A NOMINATION?

Candidates are evaluated in five areas: **moral character, academic record, leadership potential, physical and medical fitness and commitment to the military**. The information you provide through your essay and letters of recommendation should reflect these basic qualifications:

- **Moral character:** All candidates are considered of good moral character, unless evidence suggests otherwise.
- **A strong academic record:** Your high school/college transcripts, class rank and SAT/ACT scores will be evaluated. However, please keep in mind that even you are not a top student, prep school opportunities are available from the USMA, USNA, USAFA and USCGA.
- **Demonstrated leadership potential:** List all your extracurricular activities, such as participation in sports, school government, clubs, church activities and employment. Also, your references will be asked to provide information about your leadership qualities.
- **Physical and medical fitness:** The individual academies will make this determination through a physical aptitude and medical examination.
- **A commitment to live a military lifestyle:** Attending an Academy is not like a normal college. When you accept an appointment to a service academy, you become a member of the U.S. Armed Services, so you must have a desire to serve in the military while obtaining your education.

## TENTATIVE 2021 DATES FOR SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATIONS

**June 2021:** Application Process Opens

**October 29, 2021:** Application Process Closes

**November 2021:** Interviews and Panel Member selections

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